

Claim Amendments

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Amended) The ~~dental chew method~~ of claim 45 wherein said dental aid is selected from the group consisting of dextranase, protease and amylase.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~dental chew method~~ of claim 45 wherein said dental aid is selected from the group consisting of chlorhexidine, triclosan, xylitol, fluoride and neem.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of making a dental chew comprising the steps of: providing a clean hide; infusing the clean hide with ~~an ingredient including a flavor~~ ingredient and a dental aid selected from the group consisting of dental aids for providing at least one of calculus reduction, plaque reduction, tooth whitening and gum recovery as a pet chews the piece;

cutting the hide to make hide pieces; and

drying the hide pieces to make dental chews.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the dental aid is selected from the group consisting of enzyme mixtures and chelating agents.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the dental aid is selected from the group consisting of bactericides and bleaches.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the dental aid is selected from the group consisting of vitamin L, lorenzyme and periostat.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said providing step comprises:

treating said hide with a chemical agent and washing said hide to remove meat and other undesirable materials.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said infusing step comprises immersing the hide in a bath containing said flavor ingredient and said dental aid.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said bath also contains a colorant.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said bath is agitated for accelerating infusion.

13. (New) A method of making a dental chew comprising the steps of: providing a clean hide;

infusing the clean hide by immersing it into a liquid mixture containing a flavor ingredient and a dental aid selected from the group consisting of dental aids for providing at least one of calculus reduction, plaque reduction, tooth whitening and gum recovery as a pet chews the piece;

cutting the hide to make hide pieces; and

drying the hide pieces to make dental chews.